



ACTON PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of Meeting
March 14, 2006
Acton Memorial Library

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Planning Board members Mr. Greg Niemyski (Chairman), Mr. Christopher Schaffner (Vice Chair), Mr. William King, Mr. Edmund Starzec, Mr. Gary Sullivan, Ms. Ruth Martin, Mr. Michael Densen and associate Mr. Bruce Reichlen attended. Also present was Town Planner, Mr. Roland Bartl and Planning Board Secretary, Ms. Kim DelNigro.

Absent was Mr. Alan Mertz.

Mr. Niemyski called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

I. Citizens Concerns

Resident, Mr. Chip Chapman, 4 Brabrook Road, was concerned with the truck traffic and speeds on Brabrook Road and work ongoing after 5 pm at the Ellsworth Village construction. Mr. Niemyski indicated to Mr. Chapman his concerns should also be brought to the Building Commissioner. Mr. Bartl stated he will contact the developer regarding these issues.

II. Consent Agenda

A. The minutes of 2/14/06 were approved unanimously as drafted.

III. Reports

CPC: Ed Starzec reported every CPA application will be funded and Acton Housing Authority had withdrawn their application.

EDC: Next meeting will be March 16, 2006.

South Acton Commuter Rail Task Force (SACRTF): Gary Sullivan reported that they reviewed the public forum highlights of concerns regarding the commuter parking lot.

IV. Discussion/Support – Habitat for Humanity

No discussion; appointment did not appear.

V. 68 Willow Street Decision - Vote

Board members reviewed staff's draft decision of approval with conditions. Mr. Niemyski moved to approve the decision as drafted. 2nd.

Vote: Mr. Niemyski, Mr. King, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Starzec and Mr. Michael Densen in favor. Motion carried 5-0 with one abstentions by Ms. Martin, due to being absent from the hearing.

VI. Heritage Landscape Inventory – Appointment with Mary Ann Ashton

Mrs. Mary Ann Ashton explained the Heritage Landscape Inventory Program is a relatively new addition to the host of landscape programs offered by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation. The program builds upon prior landscape survey efforts to identify and document those heritage landscapes of our Commonwealth that are vital to the history, character and quality of life in our communities. She discussed the development of a pilot program to create a list of potential heritage landscapes in Acton and the upcoming meeting in this regard. Mrs. Ashton invited the Planning Board to attend. The Board Chairman thanked Mrs. Mary Ann Ashton for her time and effort to explain the project.

VII. Discussion – 139 Prospect Street, Blanchard Place

Board members reviewed the staff memo to the Board of Appeals for comments. Board members strongly support the memo and agreed to pass it along.

VIII. Town Meeting Preparation – Select Presenters of Zoning Articles

Mr. Schaffner - Housekeeping warrant article

Special Waste warrant article

Parking Lots for Conservation and Municipal Recreation warrant article

Mr. Sullivan - Rezone Land off Charter Road to General Industrial warrant article

Mr. Starzec - Productive Reuse of Underutilized Industrial Property warrant article

March 28, 2006 meeting was cancelled.

Mr. Niemyski moved to close the meeting, Mr. Schaffner 2nd; all voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.